

Prior law (R.S. 37:2102) provided for one member of the La. State Board of Examiners for Sanitarians appointed from the Office of Health Services and Environmental Quality of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

New law changes the reference in prior law from the Office of Health Services and Environmental Quality to the office of public health.

Prior law (R.S. 37:2104) provided that each member of the board received a maximum fee of \$40 per day when the board was in session.

New law increases the maximum allowable compensation per day to \$100.

Prior law (R.S. 37:2104) prohibited dual office holding as defined in R.S. 14:137.

New law removes the repealed citation in prior law and replaces it with new law (R.S. 42:61) which currently governs dual office holding and dual employment.

Existing law (R.S. 37:2110) authorizes the issuance of permits to sanitarian trainees for a limited period not to exceed two years.

New law expands existing law by further authorizing the board to issue sanitarian trainee permits to applicants who have met the minimum educational requirements of existing law but either do not possess the required year of experience and training in environmental sanitation or environmental health or have not yet passed the board required written and oral examinations.

Prior law (R.S. 37:2110) provided that sanitarian trainees who submit satisfactory proof to the board that they were working as such in the state of La., and are deemed qualified by the board would, if they applied for permits prior to Jan. 15, 1955, be issued permits without the payment of permit fees.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law waived the permit fee for a qualified sanitarian trainee working in La. who applies for such permit prior to Jan. 15, 1955.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law (R.S. 37:2111) provided that on Jan. 15, 1959, and thereafter, a person aspiring to become a sanitarian in the state must be a graduate of a course in sanitation at a recognized school. In lieu thereof, a person could have a degree which included basic studies in the physical, biological, and socio-economic sciences, plus a minimum of one year of field experience, which would include the successful completion of a training course in sanitation.

New law removes the Jan. 15, 1959, date from prior law. It also specifies that a person aspiring to become a licensed sanitarian in this state shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree and concentration of courses in environmental sanitation or the general area of environmental health. If a person does not possess the specified degree, he must be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree which includes at least 30 semester hours, or the equivalent, of courses in physical and biological sciences, with a minimum of six hours in the physical sciences and a minimum of 10 hours in the biological sciences. As a prerequisite to being issued a license as a sanitarian, all sanitarian trainees must have completed a minimum of one year of field experience, which includes the successful completion of a board approved training course in environmental sanitation or environmental health.

New law authorizes the board to specify by rule the particular types of physical and biological science courses which will be deemed acceptable to fulfill the educational requirements to become a licensed sanitarian.

Existing law authorizes the board of examiners to designate in detail the types and length of the required training in sanitation and the types of experience necessary.

New law changes existing law by specifying that the types of required training are environmental sanitation or environmental health.

Prior law provided that the provisions relative to the qualifications for applicants are retroactive for those who have been licensed by the board as sanitarians or have been granted permits to work as sanitarian trainees and who obtained their licenses or permits prior to Jan. 15, 1955.

New law removes prior law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 15, 2009).

(Amends R.S. 37:2102, 2104, 2110, and 2111)